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Registration

Petition asking for a Sub-Registrar's office at Velgode.

*1661 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has received representations from the people of Velgode in the Kurnool district asking for a sub-registration office in that place;

(*b*) if so, what action he proposes to take thereon?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question has been examined and the opening of an office at Velgode has been found impracticable as there will not be sufficient work to start with.

Forest Panchayats

Instructions to Special Deputy Tahsildars in charge of Forest Panchayats.

*1662 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued to the Special Deputy Tahsildars in charge of Forest Panchayats regarding

(i) election of Forest Panchayats and

(ii) their own duties in relation to the Forest Panchayats; and

(*b*) if so, whether they will be placed on the Council Table?

A.—The attached circular [a] contains general instructions from the Forest Panchayat Officer attached to the Office of the Board of Revenue to the Deputy Tahsildars in charge of Forest Panchayats on the subject of the organization of the panchayats. There is no set of general instructions concerning the duties of the Deputy Tahsildars in relation to the Forest Panchayats. The Board of Revenue has been requested to prepare one.

Jails

Quantity of yarn spun in jails in this Presidency in 1926 *and* 1927.

*1663 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) what quantity of yarn was spun in the jails of the Presidency by the convicts during the years 1926 and 1927;

(*b*) how much of it was cotton-thread

(i) manufactured by power and

(ii) manufactured by hand spinning; and

(*c*) how much of it was woollen?

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 293–295 infra.

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A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) No cotton spinning, either by hand or by power, was carried on in any of the jails during the years 1926 and 1927. As regards woollen yarn spun in jails the available information is furnished below :—

Jail.	Manufactured by power.		Manufactured by hand spinning.	
	1926.	1927.	1926.	1927.
	LB.	LB.	LB.	LB.
Vellore	Nil.	Nil.	2,095	2,755
Rajahmundry	Nil.	Nil.	10,912	22,917
Trichinopoly	Nil.	Nil.	49,659	35,618
Bellary	Nil.	5,889	36,648	30,870
Alipuram	Nil.	Nil.	17,397	19,288
	Nil.	5,889	116,711	111,448

Exemption of prisoners from working on fasting days.

* 1664 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether prisoners in jails are made to work during festivals and fasting days also;

(*b*) whether the Mappilla prisoners are made to work during Ramzan and other fasting days ; and

(*c*) whether the Government will exempt the prisoners from work on fasting days ?

A.—(*a*) The hon. Member is referred to rule 389 of the Madras Jail Manual.

(*b*) Mappilla prisoners are not exempted from labour on fasting days other than the last day of the Ramzan.

(*c*) No.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) may I ask why ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I may say, Sir, that with regard to this matter the Inspector-General of Prisons has already issued the following instructions :—

'Superintendents are informed that care should be taken to see that those Muhammadan prisoners who have elected to fast during the Ramzan should be employed under the directions of the Medical Officer in a suitable manner and not given arduous forms of labour to perform.' "

Public Service

Alleged memorial from a non-gazetted officer.

* 1665 *Q.*—Syed Tajudin Sahib Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether he has recently received a memorial from a non-gazetted officer who was brought under the exchange system to the Revenue Secretariat in connexion with the Tanjore resettlement special work and was retained for five years from 1919 to 1923 ;